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AN A. O. U. W. EVENT

Hoisington Workmen Do Themselves Proud Indeed.

A Special Train, a Delightful Program and a Sumptuous Feast—Grand Master Wallace Present!



THE fraternity of a community is its hope and salvation. The good feeling engendered; broadening of our opinions; the insight we get into the better part of our neighbors, and the opportunities we have of learning how many little things that cost us nothing but an observance of the golden rule, all through our meetings in churches, lodges and social events and gatherings, make us better men and women and more fitted to appreciate the good things this life has in store for us, to say nothing of our being thus better fitted to appreciate and enjoy the teachings of that great book which is given to us to point out the beauties of the life to come.

Such a gathering, such a comingling of friends and neighbors, bent upon good will and good works, was the gathering of the members of the A. O. U. W., and their families and friends, at Hoisington last Monday night.

A special train loaded down with Great Bend people to the number of about a hundred left for our neighboring town on the north at 7:45, to participate in an open meeting of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, held at the Hoisington Opera house under the auspices of the Hoisington lodge.

A DEMOCRAT representative was there, and he believes he let none of the splendid enjoyments of the memorable evening escape him.

The visitors were met at the depot by a delegation of Hoisington citizens and escorted to the splendid little opera house, where several hundred of the handsome and hospitable citizens had assembled to greet their guests.

The exercises of the evening were opened by congregational singing of the opening ode of the A. O. U. W., and as the melodious voices of several hundred earnest men floated out upon the autumn air the sound was indeed one to incite to noble deeds of Charity, Inspire Hope, and guarantee the unquestionable Protection which is constantly thrown around all members of the order and their loved ones.

Hoisington then extended a gracious welcome in a short speech by her mayor, followed by prayer, after which a chorus of well trained voices treated the assembled hosts to an appreciated song.

Brother W. M. Wallace, grand master workman of Kansas, and one of the brightest young men our glorious state has produced, then spoke for an hour or more upon the objects and aims and the already grand accomplishments of the order. Brother Wallace grows better every minute of his life, and is a powerful influence in making the rest of us better and more zealous in the good work of the Workmen.

A song by the glee club followed the master workman's address. Miss Goodwin, one of the handsome and efficient teachers of the Hoisington schools, favored us with a reading, rendering the "Irishman and the Owl" in a manner seldom excelled by professional elocutionists. Another song followed.

The program was completed in an exhibition drill by the degree team of Hoisington lodge, and many were the compliments bestowed on the team for its excellent work in going through the intricate mazes of the team work.

Then came the refreshment! Goodness, what a feast! Forty fat and juicy turkeys had been snatched headless in all the pride of their Thanks giving preparations, and by the deft hands of Hoisington's handsome ladies put to roast for the occasion. And there were oodles of other good things; salads, relishes, cakes, coffee and pumpkin pie! It makes a poor newspaper man hungry just to write about that banquet. Just think of more good things than 500 men could get away with at a meal—arranged on elegantly decorated tables—and there you have it.

A Great Bend brother extended feeble thanks—feeble because the eloquence of the greatest orator could not

have done justice to the occasion—to the citizens and brothers and sisters of Hoisington for our magnificent entertainment, and after an hour spent in social chat and acquaintanceship the visitors departed, feeling and knowing beyond the peradventure of a doubt that the A. O. U. W. is the grandest fraternal order on this earth, and the citizens of Hoisington are the most successful entertainers on all the earths and planets. W. E. S.

Colonel Greene, the popular landlord of the Hotel Greene, is a warm person at friend of Governor Stone of Missouri, and carries on a friendly correspondence with him. When the Colonel founded the summer resort, Greene Springs, in Vernon county, Missouri, Governor Stone owned a fine stock farm near by. Colonel Greene has a great fund of anecdote in which the popular governor cuts a figure.

The Workmen are making great preparations for their ball on Thanksgiving, the 28th, and the indications are that it will be one of the best balls of the season; at any rate lovers of the ball room are looking forward to the event with great eagerness.

Amos Johnson and J. F. Hewitt won their suit in the supreme court against the Santa Fe railway for damages. Their lively barn at Ellinwood was set afire by a spark from a locomotive and they will recover \$4,000.

Walter Buckland is yet confined to his room from the cut received a few weeks ago in his leg. He is very restless and on Monday physicians were compelled to again open the wound.

D. N. Heizer and family of Colorado Springs passed through Monday en route to Mediapolis, Ia., to participate in the celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. Heizer's parents.

Joe Sprinker, Dick Bosse and V. S. Muel and son were Ellinwood Workmen to take in all the good things in sight at the A. O. U. W. meeting at Hoisington Monday night.

Neal Ervin and Miss Julia Smith (colored) were married at the A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon by Rev. W. F. Barr, and have gone to housekeeping in the Fourth ward.

James Gill of the south side had a finger badly bruised about harvest time, and it became so bad that he came to town Friday and had it amputated.

A concert by the best musicians of this city will be given Wednesday, December 4, at the opera house. Save your money for a good time.

We were in error last week in naming W. H. Grant as former owner of the Ellinwood mills. We should have had it Charles Grant.

The wife of J. Bush, who lives a short distance north of the city, died last Sunday and was buried the following day.

W. E. Carr made a bicycle trip to the west part of the state last week in the interest of the Great Bend Mills.

Joe Troillet, the popular cigmaker, made a trip through the western part of the state the first of this week.

Mrs. A. L. Mojonier and daughter were down from Larned Monday to visit the "old man."

A fine boy baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Butler, west of town, Tuesday morning.

The college quartette furnished the music at the Congregational church on Sunday evening.

Miss Nellie Dodge entertained friends Friday evening in a charming manner.

Harry Morgan took the second degree in the Workmen Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. George Brinkman are visiting in Kansas City, Kan.

W. F. Putnam came down from McCracken to Sunday with his family.

State Bank Commissioner Bridenthal was in the city on Saturday.

A girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Mayes on Sunday.

W. H. Campbell of Oklahoma is attending court here.

Mrs. M. Gillmore is on the sick list.

FOR SWEET CHARITY!

The Public Improvement and Relief Club and Its Work.

George M. Moss, the Secretary, Gives "The Democrat" an Interesting Review of the Work.



THE citizens of Great Bend were called by Mayor E. W. W. Moses to meet at the city council chamber, on the evening of November 19, 1894, for purpose of forming an organization to aid the needy during the winter, and, as far as possible, to furnish work for the unemployed on public improvements. The meeting was well attended and much interest was shown. An executive committee of four was chosen. G. M. Moss was made president, G. M. Moss secretary and Louis Zutavern treasurer.

It was agreed to raise the funds to carry on the work mainly by public entertainments, rather than by subscription, and looking to this end the executive committee appointed a committee of three on program, whose duty it was to decide on the nature of the entertainment and make all necessary arrangements. They in turn selected two committees of five members each, one on concerts and the other on dramatic work. Two other special committees were appointed during the winter—charity ball and turkey shoot. A relief committee was appointed from each ward, composed of a chairman and from two to three other members, according to the size of the ward. With the exception of the chairman these committees were composed of ladies, and it was the duty of said committees to look up and aid the poor, prevent suffering and to see that the funds were not squandered, and only those actually needy were furnished aid. In most cases a personal visit was made and the members ascertained what was required.

The club worked under a business system, and although some thought it rather complicated, still a certain amount of precaution had to be taken to insure safety. All money was deposited with the treasurer and was drawn out only on checks issued by the secretary, accompanied by the original order. These orders were issued by the members of the relief committee, signed by the chairman of the ward and the president or vice president of club, not transferable and good only for articles named. When accompanied by check they were good anywhere in the city and were filled upon presentation. The firm to whom they were taken was required to sign them, to show that the order had been filled completely; or the chairman of the ward could have the order filled, the goods sent to the person's house and the check afterward issued by the secretary. Applications for work on public improvements were issued by the chairman of the ward, signed by the president and vice president and filed with the improvement committee of the city council. When these orders were worked out they were countersigned by him and given to the applicant, who brought them to the secretary, receiving a check for the amount, which was also pinned to the original order. These orders were good for merchandise only, not transferable, and could be taken to any place in the city, at the option of the holder, the merchant being required to sign them as before. The club started out with \$19.75 in the treasury, turned over by Mr. Kelly, treasurer of last year's relief club, as the balance from the old fund. The first regular entertainment was given by the concert committee on December 5, and netted \$70.30. This committee also gave a "Specialty" entertainment February 1, clearing \$37.55. The dramatic committee gave their play, "Mrs. Walthrop's Bachelors," March 22, increasing the fund \$48.45. Money was also raised from various other sources, viz: Entertainment given by Methodist church, \$33.60; collected at union services on Thanksgiving day, \$7.57; subscribed by school children, \$1.50; two turkey shoots, \$27; two charity balls, \$20.25, making a grand total of all money raised for the year, \$216.22, or by adding the amount turned in by Mr. Kelly, we have \$236.17.

Did it ever occur to you when you attended one of these entertainments that the small amount you gave might yet be enough to buy a pair of mittens for some child suffering from the cold, put bread in a poor man's mouth or help to keep some unfortunate family from freezing? Last winter was most severe, we may not see its equal in years; yet who can tell? Preparations should be made for the coming winter. January is our severest month and it will be seen from the above report that more than twice as much was spent in that month as in any other. Be prepared to meet whatever emergency may arise—let us be up and doing!

In conclusion I desire to thank the public for the cordial support it has given us and the interest manifested throughout the year. It speaks well for our city in showing the nature of our people. Had it not been for your assistance the Public Improvement and Relief club could not have been made a success. G. M. Moss, Secretary.

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December 13, for a pair of mittens needed by a little girl, and the last order was on July 10—a sack of flour furnished to probably the oldest man in the city. During the month of December eight orders were issued to the amount of \$15.10; January forty-nine, \$86.38; February thirty-two, \$38.80; March twenty-eight, \$31.40; April fourteen, \$19.40; May six, \$13.50; June five, \$8.05; July one, \$1. Number of orders 143, total \$213.69; add \$2.50 for stub books and it gives \$216.19, which was the amount spent during the year, leaving \$19.98 in the treasury, or three cents more than was actually collected. This \$213.19 was distributed as follows: First ward, \$15; Second ward, \$62.45; Third ward, \$62.43; Fourth ward, \$74.81; for white persons, \$180.54; colored, \$32.65. The latter contained many orders, but the amounts were small. The amount spent for actual relief was \$181.34; on public improvements \$32.35. Much more would have been accomplished had the weather been favorable. No work could be done until January 31, and very little during January and February. Of the amount spent for actual relief \$84.93 was for coal, \$64 for groceries and \$22.91 for dry goods; \$4 was paid for nursing a sick woman and \$1.60 for medicine.

During the year our city papers very kindly donated \$21.50 in printing—quite an item, and a matter probably overlooked by many.

You will see that the workings of this organization necessitated a great amount of work, yet the good accomplished was worth far more than all the labor it cost. Mistakes may have been made—they usually are, try as hard as you can to avoid them, but a generous public will no doubt overlook them in looking beyond.

The club was certainly the means of doing a vast amount of good and no doubt brought relief to many homes where there had been cold and hunger. Forty-six different families in this city were given aid, and many of them would have suffered before they would have asked for aid. More than one needy family received help and knew not from whence it came.

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A NOTABLE WEDDING

The Ficker-Seus Nuptials at Odin on the 12th Inst.

Two of the North Side's Most Popular Young People United in Marriage A List of the Gifts.



WE are sure that never in the history of the Odin neighborhood was there a more joyous event than was the wedding of Frank J. Ficker and Miss Mary Seus, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. The ceremony was performed at St. Mary's church, in Odin, at 10 o'clock in the morning, the Rev. Father Emerick officiating, in the presence of 350 friends of the contracting parties. The church had been very elaborately decorated for the occasion and presented a handsome appearance. The bride party formed at the home of the bride and marched to the church, the bride and the groom's best man leading the way, followed by the groom and bridesmaid. After the ceremony the wedding party repaired to the home of the bride, where an elegant dinner was served. After dinner the school house was taken possession of for the wedding dance, which was prolonged far into the night to the strains of inspiring music.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Seus, old time and well to do citizens of Odin, a reigning belle in the social life of that part of the county. The fortunate groom has grown from boyhood there and is much admired for his many qualities and industry. May their bark of life find smooth sailing down the stream of time and find a blissful harbor in the haven of eternity is the wish of the DEMOCRAT and their multitude of friends all over the county.

Following is a list of the presents: John Wolf and wife, two towels, center, table-cover, silver teapot and tablecloth. Joe Meyers and wife, tablecloth and towels. Mrs. Anna Klein, two lace curtains. Joe Hubler and wife, center lamp. Julian Happort, hanging lamp. Miss Kate Wunderlich, set of China dishes. Christ Corcoran and wife, glass set. Frank Habiger and wife, glass set. Gus Kling, glass pitcher. Aug Debie, mirror. Pet Debie, mirror. Alois Debie, pair of towels. E. Moder and wife, towelings. H. Hamilton and wife, set silver knives and forks. Fred Zutavern and wife, set silver knives and forks. W. Boran and wife, bedspread and towelings. A. Tinkle and wife, towelings and water pitcher. A. Brakmeyer, rocker and celery glass. A. Prosser and wife, table cloth. Mrs. N. Boor, table cloth. Joe Hishman, \$2 each. C. P. Wunderlich, \$2 each and book. Rev. Father Epp, book and picture. Rev. Father Schenack, book. Miss Lizzie Gerstman, set tea spoons. Miss Ralls, table cloth. Miss M. Eorn, razor and pitcher. Miss Kate Seus, penknife and set knives and forks. L. Jarmer and wife, table cloth. Miss F. Schreuer, set knives and forks. Miss Fannie Linser, towelings. Pat Nery, cups and saucers. John Beidle, set wine glasses.

Death of Ruby Gould. It is said that death loves a shining mark, and the proverb found verification when at 3:15 o'clock yesterday morning the grim reaper invaded the home of J. C. and Mary T. Gould and took from them their daughter Ruby. She had been ill but a few weeks and no alarm was occasioned until a few days ago when she was attacked with spasms, which followed each other at short intervals, despite the best medical attention, until death came to her relief. Ruby was born at Urbana, O., February 22, 1880, and was just budding into womanhood; a child a sweet temperment and very bright. She was a member of the Congregational Sunday school and of the Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor. The funeral services will occur at the Congregational church at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The sorrowing family have the sympathy of all in their affliction.

Thanksgiving Postoffice Hours. Thanksgiving day being a legal holiday, no money order business will be done at the postoffice on that day. The delivery will be open from 8 to 11 a. m. and from 6 to 6:30 p. m., on that day. WILL E. STOKER, Postmaster.

Mrs. George Ripple and Mrs. Gray of Larned visited in this city last week.

Frank Eastey of Sedalia, Mo., visited relatives here last week, enroute to California.

A license to marry issued to Theo. Baamel and Miss Ricka Breeme of Lakin township.

W. W. George, a prominent merchant of Bison, Rush county, was here on business Monday.

Mrs. Charley Morrison and family came in from Missouri last week—glad to be back once more.

G. E. Wyman was up from Rush county Thursday. He still has 35 acres of wheat to sow.

The city is infested with skunks and their devine affluvia permeates the atmosphere wherever you go.

Miss Florence Frost begins teaching school in the P. A. Potts district—south side—on the 25th inst.

There are 3,000,000 trees of this year's growth ready for free distribution at the Dodge City forestry stations.

Mr. and C. B. Morgan are visiting Will Legg and family at Lewiston, Mo. They will be home in about two weeks.

Mrs. W. B. Hadlock of Sterling visited Mrs. West last week. Mrs. West entertained friends Monday in her honor.

C. S. Emery, who lives on Blood creek, north of Olin, was in town Thursday on business. All nature smiles over there.

Preaching at the Presbyterian church by W. E. Browning, Ph. D., of Garden City, Kan., Sabbath morning and evening, December 1.

District court adjourned over from Saturday to Tuesday, and is still grinding on the celebrated Johnson and Gano steer case as we go to press.

Miss Floy Gillmore was pleasantly surprised Thursday evening by a number of her young friends, who spent a happy evening in honor of her birthday.

The railroad boys of Hoisington have arranged for a dance next Tuesday night, the 28th, the proceeds to be devoted to the aid of Stanley Siddorn, who recently lost his legs in a railroad accident.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church have procured the services of the Cooper College Quartette, which will appear in this city, at the Presbyterian church, Wednesday evening November 27. Admission 25 and 15 cents.

Friends and neighbors to the number of thirty stormed the home of William Hood, in the north suburbs, Monday night and spent a pleasant evening. It was a genuine surprise. The occasion was the seventy-first birthday of Mrs. Hood.

If you desire to pay your subscription to the DEMOCRAT and have not the cash, bring wheat, corn, oats, fruit chickens or anything under the sun but old clothes or horses. As to old clothes, we are amply supplied for the present and we invariably refuse to take horses on subscription unless a year's feed is included in the deal.

Many of the Great Bend Workmen who visited Hoisington last Monday evening are wondering what was the matter with Rev. Stewart of that town. They say that in his address of welcome he seemed to give the impression that his town's "reputation" was off color. Great Bend people had not heard of it before. What is "eatin' on" the reverend gentleman's mind?

A 2-year-old daughter of Charles E. Dodge came near reducing his fine north side residence to ashes on Wednesday evening of last week. The little one secured a match and lighted it in a closet, igniting her clothing and setting fire to those hanging on the wall. The child ran screaming to its mother, who smothered the fire and gave the alarm. Fortunately Mr. Hayes and son James were close by and succeeded in extinguishing the fire in the closet, but not until clothing to the value of \$100 had been destroyed. The child was severely, though not dangerously burned about the body.

A good pair of men's arctics worth \$1 at Rebu's for 75c.

HIS THRILLING TALE!

Traveling Agent Beale Recalls a Hair-Raising Experience.

Chased by a Fiery Demon on the Iowa Central Road—Prefers the Patent Medicine Trade to Firing.



HERE comes to the city of Great Bend about once a year a jolly knight of the grip to the person of J. V. Beale, who represents Beggs & Co., Chicago, proprietors of a number of proprietary remedies, all of which are advertised in the DEMOCRAT.

In his younger days he was a fireman on the Iowa Central road and tells the following thrilling story of an adventure he had there: "It was the first season the road was opened. I was firing then. We had a heavy train, and the second car from the engine was a hay car. Those hay cars are like other box cars, only larger and higher. We were going up a heavy grade north of New Sharon, Iowa. The night was very dark, and we were getting on fairly, when just before we came to the top of this grade we discovered that the hay car was on fire. Away off there in the woods there wasn't the slightest chance of saving it; and the only thought was how to save the rest of the train. The engineer was a man of nerve, and did not hesitate. He determined if possible to ditch the burning mass. Quickly detaching the remainder of the train, we drew the burning car just over the summit of the grade, drew the pin, and putting on steam to get out of its way, left it to run down the grade unattended. When near the foot of the grade the engineer jumped from the engine and quickly placed some blocks of wood on the track, hoping that when the car struck them the wheels would miss the rails and it would be thrown down the embankment. But by this time the heavily loaded car had acquired a fearful speed, and to my dismay I saw it leap over the obstructions which were intended to ditch it, and come toward me as if with no thought of stopping. Without waiting a moment for orders, I opened wide the throttle and began to get away from it. Just ahead was another up grade, and, oh! how I prayed that that car wouldn't get up enough speed to go over the summit! It came almost to a standstill at the top, but on it came, the fiery tongues streaming out behind. I knew that the only salvation was to make a siding two miles away, and throwing her wide open I flew for it. I ran close up to the switch, leaped from the cab and with the coal hammer smashed the switch lock. When I got the engine in on the siding and threw the switch for the main line the fiery monster was almost upon me, and it swept by at terrific speed a screeching, hissing furnace. The first thing I did when I got back into the cab was to look in a glass to see if my hair had whitened. Then I went up the road after the train. Yes, you bet the boys were glad to see me. We found the debris of the hay car a few miles further on. I quit railroading soon afterward and went into the patent medicine business—not quite so exciting, but much more conducive to longevity—especially when you use Beggs' remedies."

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To Advertisers. Hereafter, in order to secure insertion of advertisements same week publication is desired, copy for ads must be in this office by Monday noon.

Advertised Letters. Following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Great Bend for the week ending November 20, 1895:

Brown, Samuel
Harper, Thomas
Leeger, Wm F
Rushor, Frank
Woodward, H J

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised." WALKER STOKER, P. M.